

## 9 FAM Appendix C, GAMBIA

(TL:VISA-448; 08-06-2002)

### RECIPROCITY

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Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
C-1/D	N/A	N/A	N/A
C-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	6 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	48 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

## SPECIAL CLEARANCES AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

*(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)*

None.

## DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

### Police Record

*(TL:VISA-353; 02-05-2002)*

Police clearance certificates are available to any resident of The Gambia for 50 dalasi (less than U.S. \$3.00). Criminal records are maintained indefinitely at a central Criminal Records Office and are never purged. Criminal records are indexed by the individual's unique national identity number and include fingerprints for verification.

### Prison Record

*(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)*

Available. A prison record may be obtained from the Superintendent of Prisons, Banjul.

## **Military Record**

*(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)*

Available. Military records for Gambian nationals who performed military service in the British forces may be obtained from the Commissioner of Police, Banjul.

## **Birth Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-256; 04-09-2001)*

Available. Certificates are obtainable from the Director of Medical Services, Banjul. There may be a charge for these certificates.

### Rates:

- 1 - 3 months after birth;
- 4 - 9 months after birth; and
- 1 Year and above

## **Marriage Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)*

(1) Registered: Available. Certified copies of marriage certificates are obtainable from the Registrar General, Ministry of Justice, Banjul.

(2) Muslim: Available. Certified copies of Mohammedan marriage certificates are obtainable from the Khadi's Court, Independence Drive, Banjul.

## **Divorce Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)*

(1) Court: Available. Court divorce records are obtainable from the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Banjul. The name of the petitioner and the respondent, as well as the date of the divorce decree should be furnished.

(2) Muslim: Available. Certified copies of Mohammedan divorce records are obtainable from the Registrar of the Khadi's Court, Independence Drive, Banjul.

## **Death Certificate**

*(TL:VISA-169; 08-22-1997)*

Available. Death certificates are obtainable in two days from the Director of Medical Services, Banjul.

## Passports

(TL:VISA-422; 06-04-2002)

On May 17, the Gambian Immigration Department began issuing machine-readable tourist passports. The high-quality new passport incorporates the following changes and security features:

**PASSPORT COVER**: Although the gold seal of the Republic of the Gambia remains the same, a dark forest green background replaces the old royal blue.

**INSIDE COVER**: Both the old and new passports contain invisible UV-reactive designs on the inside covers. The visible artwork on the new passport includes a pirogue (a type of canoe) and two birds on the inside front cover and a more complex background design on the inside front and back covers.

**PASSPORT NUMBERS**: Numbers beginning with two letters followed by six digits (e.g. PC123456) replace the old six-digit passport numbers (e.g. 654321). The numbers are still perforated into the passport pages but not the cover. The passport number appears in black ink and invisible UV-reactive ink in the middle of page 1 of the new passport.

**PASSPORT PAGES**: The passport contains 32 numbered pages and one identity page, bound with UV-reactive thread. Like the old passport, the new passport has the seal of The Gambia in the middle of each page. In addition, the new pages feature more subtle coloration fading from green to blue to pink and finer microprinting that reads "Republic of The Gambia" in wavy lines. UV light illuminates the words "Republic of The Gambia" in a circle around seven birds on each page, with the birds oriented in opposite directions on facing pages. Page numbers are printed tab-style on the edge of the page in UV-reactive ink.

**IDENTITY PAGE**: The identity page is printed on a field of UV-reactive ink on the last page of the passport. The front of the page is matte and the back laminated. The bearer's photograph appears large and clear on the left side of the page and smaller and faded on the right side of the page. The words "Republic of The Gambia" in light gold reflective ink run in three wavy lines across the bottom of the page, partially crossing the photograph and completely crossing the issue and expiration dates. The indented first and second lines begin with the words "Gambia" and "Republic". The third line starts with the word "Republic" all the way at the left margin of the page. Gambian passports are only valid for five (5) years, so old passports should be completely phased out by May 2007.

## **VISA ISSUING POST**

*(TL:VISA-380; 04-02-2002)*

Banjul (E) NIV

Address: Kairaba Avenue in Fajara

Mailing Address:

P.M.B. No 19

Banjul, The Gambia

Telephone: (220) 392856 or 391971

Fax: (220) 392475

Immigrant visa applications for nationals of The Gambia are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Dakar, Senegal.

## **GEOGRAPHIC AREA SERVICED**

*(TL:VISA-1078; 07-14-1986)*

All of the Gambia.